



**Indiana
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Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

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Updates

Mental Health America of Indiana's 988 Crisis Hotline

Mental Health America of Indiana (MHA) launched on March 13 its 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline call center. The MHA 988 program will work with existing 988 centers to provide another phase of the crisis continuum — someone to call.



MHA's lifeline includes a diverse workforce, some with lived experience. They completed over 90 hours of in-person and virtual training programs and will participate in ongoing professional development. MHA also created a resilience plan for crisis lifeline workers to support the team's wellbeing and prevent burnout.

MHA's lifeline joins the national network of over 200 independent crisis centers. Each center is equipped to help individuals who are experiencing mental-health related distress. The 988 lifeline provides free, confidential support nationwide to callers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Naloxone Boxes in Blackford and Jay counties

New naloxone boxes have been installed at both IU Health Blackford and IU Health Jay hospitals. At IU Health Blackford, the box is located near the emergency department entrance, and at IU Health Jay, the box is located inside Entrance A. Both boxes are available to the public. Each kit includes a single dose of naloxone, instructions for use, and resources for substance use disorder treatment. The boxes will be monitored and restocked by the Jay County Drug Prevention coalition. Email Jenni VanSkyock at jvanskyock@IUHealth.org for more information.

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Emergence of New Synthetic Opioid

Recent overdoses in Hamilton County have made law enforcement aware of a powerful new synthetic opioid, N-pyrrolidino etonitazene. Known as "pyro" or "M30", the opioid is nearly 10 times stronger than fentanyl. The pills are marketed to resemble oxycodone, with a light blue color and a "M" printed on one side and a "30" on the other.

Mike Gannon, assistant special agent at the DEA Indianapolis office, says that pyro first emerged in Colorado in 2022. By the end of last year, it made its way to Indiana. In March, two Westfield teens overdosed on pyro. Gannon says that teens are more likely to purchase drugs laced with pyro via online sources or on social media. He recommends that parents and guardians talk to their children about the dangers of new synthetic "look-alike" opioids on the market using [DEA resources](#). If you suspect an overdose involving pyro, call 911 immediately and administer Narcan right away.

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Upcoming Events

Youth Mental Health First Aid

9 a.m.—4 p.m. EDT, April 15

Hosted by: Upstream Prevention

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, school staff, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge. This course introduces common mental health challenges for youth and teaches a 5-step action plan.

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Freedom to Rise Fundraiser Breakfast

8 a.m.—9:30 a.m. EDT, April 27

Tinker House Events— 1100 E. 16th St., Indianapolis,

Hosted by: Overdose Lifeline

Join Overdose Lifeline as we look at the ways lives are being elevated, honored, and celebrate through programming and support targeted at the effect of substance use disorder. All proceeds raised will be used to support Overdose Lifeline programs.

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We Fight Together 1st Annual Walk/Run

11 a.m.—3 p.m. ET, May 13

Wicker Park— 8554 Indianapolis Boulevard, Highland

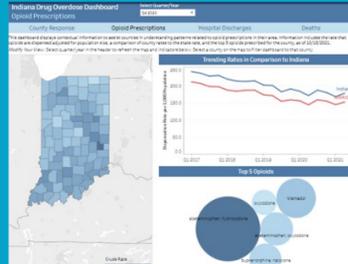
Hosted by: Sounds of Sarah

The goal of the "We Fight Together" walk/run is to remember those who have lost their lives to overdose. All registration fees will benefit the Sounds of Sarah not-for-profit organization.

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Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard

Please visit the [Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard](#), where you will find data from 2017 up to provisional data for 2021. In this dashboard, you will find data regarding opioid prescriptions, hospital discharges, and drug-related deaths. You can use this dashboard to explore overdose data at the county and state levels.



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